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SUBJECT: JAPANESE DIETMEN VISIT TO TAIWAN

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SUMMARY: LDP DIET GROUP RETURNED FROM FOUR-DAY VISIT TO
TAIWAN AND ISSUED PROTESTS TO PRESS AND FONOFF ON ANY CON-
CESSIONS HARMFUL TO JAPAN-TAIWAN AIR SERVICE IN CONCLUDING
CIVIL AVIATION AGREEMENT WITH PEKING. FONOFF CHARGINED
OVER WHOLE EPISODE AND INFORMALLY TOLD HIGH PRC OFFICIAL
IN TOKYO THAT DIETMEN AND GOJ SHOULD NOT RPT NOT BE CONFUSED.
FORMER FONMIN FUKUDA TOLD
AMBASSADOR OTHER DIETMEN SUPPORT AIMS IF NOT TACTICS
OF TAIWAN LDP VISITORS AND THEIR VIEWS WOULD HAVE TO BE
TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN CONCLUDING AVIATION AGREEMENT
WITH PEKING. END SUMMARY

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1. FORTY-ONE LDP DIETMEN RETURNED FORM FOUR-DAY GOODWILL

VISIT TO TAIWAN OCT 4. AT PRESS CONFERENCE GROUP SAID CHIANG KAI-SHEK WAS IN GOOD HEALTH AND THAT THEY TOLD HIM THEY DEPLORED ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN CHINA AND JAPAN. (FORMER EDUCATION MINISTER AND GROUP'S LEADER HIROKICHO NADAO DID NOT RPT NOT PARTICIPATE) THEY SAID PROBLEMS CONCERNING PROPOSED JAPAN-CHINA CIVIL AVIATION AGREEMENT WERE NOT RPT NOT DISCUSSED. NEVERTHELESS, DIETMEN INFORMALLY TOLD NEWSMEN THAT THEY WERE CONVINCED THAT TAIWAN WOULD REFUSE TO ACCEPT CONDITIONS REPORTEDLY SOUGHT BY PRC IN CONNECTION WITH AVIATION AGREEMENT, THAT IS 1) CHANGE OF CAL'S NAME AND 2) REMOVAL OF ROC FLAG FROM PLANES.

2. LDP GROUP, INCLUDING LEADER NADAO, LODGED PROTEST WITH VICE FORMIN HOGEN OCT 4, REPORTEDLY CONTAINING FOLLOWING POINTS: 1) SINCE PASSENGER TRAFFIC STEADILY INCREASING BETWEEN JAPAN AND TAIWAN, SERVICE SHOULD NOT RPT NOT CHANGE. 2) PRC ATTEMPTS TO CHANGE TAIWAN-JAPAN FLIGHT SERVICE IS MEDDLING IN INTERNAL JAPANESE AFFAIRS, (SIC). JAPAN-PRC COMMUNIQUE "UNDERSTANDS" NOT RPT NOT "RECOGNIZES" CHINA'S INSISTENCE THAT TAIWAN IS PART OF CHINA'S TERRITORY. THEREFORE, JAPAN SHOULD MAINTAIN FLIGHTS AND OTHER TRANSPORTATION AS BASIS FOR ECONOMIC, CULTURAL, AND TRADE EXCHANGE WITH TAIWAN. 4) GOJ SHOULD OBTAIN DIET APPROVAL BEFORE DECIDING CONTENTS OF JAPAN-CHINA AVIATION AGREEMENT.

3. COMMENT: (BEGIN NOFORN) FONOFF NATURALLY CHAGRINED OVER EPISODE. ASIAN AFFAIRS BUREAU ASSISTANT DIRECTOR GENERAL OMORI TOLD US THAT GOJ HAS MADE NO RPT NO FORMAL EXPLANATION TO PRC BUT INFORMALLY TOLD HIGH PRC OFFICIAL IN TOKYO (PROBABLY VICE MINISTER HOGEN TO DEPUTY TRADE MINISTER LIU HSI-WEN NOW VISITING JAPAN) THAT PEKING SHOULD NOT RPT NOT CONFUSE LDP DIETMEN WITH GOJ. FONOFF, NEVERTHELESS, STILL EXPECTS REMONSTRANCE FORM PEKING. (END NOFORN)

4. DURING LUNCHEON WITH AMBASSADOR OCT 4 TAKEO FUNKUDA CALLED PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO SURPRISINGLY LARGE SIZE OF ABOVE GROUP AND NOTED THAT MANY OTHER LDP DIET MEMBERS SHARE ITS VIEWS. HE COMMENTED THAT ANY CIVIL AIR AGREE-
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MENT NEGOTIATED BY GOJ WITH PRC WOULD BE SUBJECT TO DIET APPROVAL, AND STATED THAT LDP DIET MEMBERS WHO VISITED TAIWAN WOULD BE JOINED BY SYMPATHETIC COLLEAGUES IN VOTING AGAINST IT, SHOULD GOJ TRY TO MAKE CONCESSIONS TO PRC PATENTLY UNACCEPTABLE TO ROC, SUCH AS FLAG ISSUE. ALTHOUGH THIS GROUP OF LDP DIET MEMBERS WOULD ONLY CONSTITUTE MINORITY AGAINST SUCH AGREEMENT, DEPTH OF THEIR COMMITMENT TO TAIWAN WOULD HAVE TO BE TAKEN INTO

ACCOUNT BY GOJ IN MAKING ANY COMPROMISE WITH PRC IN
CIVIL AVIATION. THEREFORE, WE BELIEVE THAT STRIDENT
OBJECTIONS OF THIS SIGNIFICANT MINORITY IMPOSE MAJOR
INHIBITIONS ON GOJ/LDP LEADERSHIP IN HANDLING THIS ISSUE.

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